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Transportation Update

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CMA Approves Projects for Countywide Transportation Plan

The CMA is updating its long-range transportation plan for Alameda County. This plan forms the basis for the Alameda County component of MTC's regional transportation plan. Four public outreach meetings were held in April, one each in Oakland, San Leandro, Union City and Dublin. The Plan includes an investment strategy totaling almost \$1.3 billion. Of this amount, 50% is devoted to maintenance and rehabilitation of the existing transit system and local roads. 23% is set aside for managing the system better and 20% for capacity expansion. By mode, the Plan allocates funds as follows:

- 58% transit
- 18% freeways and interchanges
- 19% local roads
- 5% other

At its May meeting, the CMA adopted this investment strategy. In addition to the this investment plan, the CMA adopted a list of programs and projects to be considered by MTC as it develops what it is calling the "Big Tent" to be used in advocating new revenues.

Copies of the Investment Plan and Big Tent submittal are available at the CMA offices. MTC will consider these projects for the update of its plan.

Community Based Transportation Plan for Central County Completed

The CMA has completed the first of four community based transportation plans for Alameda County. These plans seek to identify practical solutions to the mobility needs of economically disadvantaged

neighborhoods. This first plan has been prepared for central Alameda County as one of five pilot plans prepared throughout the Bay Region. Experience with the first five plans will be used to guide the development of 20 other plans throughout the Bay Region. Three more are planned for other parts of Alameda County. Copies of the central county Plan are available at the CMA offices.

Transit Oriented Development Policy Adopted by CMA

At its May meeting, the CMA adopted a policy to guide its funding participation in transit-oriented development. This policy identifies characteristics that should be present in a TOD in order to be considered for transportation funding. Copies of the policy are available at the CMA offices in Oakland.

State Budget Update

The Governor's proposed state budget has good news and bad news for transportation. In summary, the budget proposal would do the following:

- The Proposition 42 suspension will now be a loan that will be repaid by FY 2007-08
- The cash flow needs of Traffic Congestion Relief Program projects with allocation votes from the CTC are met. The program will not be eliminated but projects will be reevaluated.
- Although the TCRP capital projects will receive funding, no new Proposition 42 funding is proposed for either the transit operating assistance or local road subvention components of the program.

- State Transit Assistance is increased from \$101.5 million to \$117.4 million
- The Governor proposes to repay the State Highway Account \$184 million in loans. In addition, early repayment of a \$36 million loan is proposed for the Public Transportation Account.
- Because of high gasoline prices and a relatively slow economic recovery, so-called "spillover" funding has increased. The Governor proposes to deposit \$140 million of these revenues in transportation coffers.
- The Governor has withdrawn his January proposal to reimburse the General Fund \$406 million for the cost of debt service related to General Obligation bonds passed by the voters in the 1990s for rail transit.
- In addition to the specific transportation proposals in the May Revise, the Administration's deal with the California State Association of Counties and the League of California Cities includes a two-year 40 percent shift of multi-county special district property tax revenues to the General Fund. BART would lose \$9.2 million annually, while for AC Transit would lose \$20 million annually.

CMA Adopts Regional Measure 2 Implementation Plan

Regional Measure 2 includes four projects that list the CMA as a sponsor or co-sponsor. The CMA will likely be the lead agency on all or parts of three of these projects: I-880 North Safety Improvements; I-580 Tri-Valley Rapid Transit Corridor Improvements; and Regional Express Bus - HOV lane components and related improvements. These three projects have RM 2 funding totaling \$97 million and a total construction value of approximately \$400 million. At its May meeting, the CMA adopted a strategy for delivering these projects. Environmental documentation and engineering work will begin as soon as funding becomes available in 2004-05. The CMA will assist the other sponsors as needed in the development of the fourth project – Dumbarton Rail Service.

Deadlines to Note

2004 Countywide Transportation Plan (CWTP) & 2005 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

Draft RTP December 2004

Final RTP January 2005

2004 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

CTC Adopts 2004 STIP August 2004

Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA): Regional Program

Applications Due to Air District June 30, 2004

Air District Draft Program September 2004

Final Program October 2004

Upcoming Meetings

June	1	CMA Technical Advisory Committee
	16/17	CTC (Los Angeles)
	10	San Pablo Policy Advisory Committee
	14	CMA Administration & Legislation Committee
	14	CMA Plans & Programs Committee
	24	CMA Board Meeting
July	6	CMA Technical Advisory Committee
	12	CMA Administration & Legislation Committee
	12	CMA Plans & Programs Committee
	22	CMA Board Meeting

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